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Prior to examination of the above-identified new national phase patent application, please amend the application, as follows:

In the Specification

On page one (1) of the specification please ~~delete~~ "Process for producing formed cellulosic articles"

In the Claims

Amend claims 1-8, as follows:

1. A process [Process] for producing formed cellulosic articles, such as fibres, filaments, sheetings, membranes or tubes, comprising
 - a) extruding a solution of cellulose in an aqueous amine oxide, particularly N-methylmorpholine N-oxide, through an extrusion die via an air gap and coagulating the formed article in an aqueous precipitation bath containing amine oxide, and
 - b) passing the formed article through at least one washing stage for removing residual amine oxide,
characterized in that the liquor of the precipitation bath in the precipitation stage and/or the washing liquor of the washing stage(s) is treated with ultra-violet radiation.
2. The process [Process] according to claim 1 wherein the [characterized in that an] ultra-violet radiation has [having] a wave length in the range from 200 to 280 nm [is used].
3. The process [Process] according to claim 2 wherein [characterized in that] the ultra-violet radiation has a wave length of 254 nm.
4. The process [Process] according to claim 2 wherein [any of the claims 1 to 3 characterized in that] the ultra-violet radiation is generated by a mercury low-pressure lamp.